
HOUSE BILL 2419

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a state property tax rebate; adding a
2 new section to chapter 84.69 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 84.69 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department of revenue shall within twenty days of the
7 effective date of this act issue a refund check to all eligible real
8 property owners who paid state property taxes in 2007. The refund is
9 equal to four hundred dollars for each eligible real property owner.
10 The department may use information from the tax rolls of each county to
11 identify all eligible real property owners under this section. Any
12 such refunds shall be made by means of vouchers approved by the
13 department and by the issuance of state warrants drawn upon and payable
14 from such funds as the legislature may provide.

15 (2)(a) For the purposes of this section, "eligible real property
16 owner" means a person who paid state property taxes imposed upon a
17 residence owned and occupied by the person as a principal place of
18 residence in calendar year 2007.

1 (b) For the purposes of this section, the terms "residence,"
2 "owned," and "occupied" have meanings consistent with their meanings in
3 RCW 84.36.379 through 84.36.389.

4 (3) Any eligible real property owner may return the state property
5 tax rebate check to the department indicating that the owner wishes to
6 have the rebate check spent on any of the following state government
7 services:

- 8 Education
- 9 Health Care
- 10 Parks
- 11 Transportation
- 12 General Fund

13 The department shall keep a record of all rebate checks returned
14 and prepare a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature
15 by November 1, 2008, indicating the total number of rebate checks
16 returned, the total amount of rebates returned, and which state
17 government services were checked on the returned rebate check. The
18 department shall credit all returned rebate checks to the appropriate
19 fund.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
23 immediately.

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